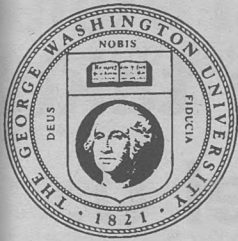




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GW Hospital lays off 150 workers

Move is precursor to possible sale

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In a move consistent with the downsizing gripping the nation's health care system, the GW Hospital fired 150 regular employees and eliminated another 150 vacant or temporary positions June 28.

The 300-person reduction in hospital staff marks the third round of major layoffs in the past five years and is "one of the largest" in its history, according to Richard James, media relations manager for the GW Medical Center.

"This was a fiscal decision that has to do with the fiscal integrity of the hospital," James said. "This is the situation you find ... throughout the country. We're trying to match up the staffing needs with the patient needs."

He said there was a 10 percent decline in the hospital's patient census, which led to an approximately 10 percent reduction in its work force. While the hospital sees the

same number of patients each year, the patients are staying for fewer days each visit due to tighter insurance restrictions and a greater focus on out-patient treatments.

There has been speculation that the layoffs are part of an effort to make the hospital look more attractive to potential buyers. The University has been trying to sell the hospital to a private buyer since last summer to save money.

Although James acknowledged that the University is close to a deal, he said the cutbacks would have taken place regardless. "We're in talks with several different potential buyers. We expect something to be finalized in the fall," he said. But he added that the firings would have come "whether or not we had talks going on."

Dr. Alan Weingold, GW's vice president for medical affairs, was out of town and unavailable to comment. But in a newsletter distributed in the hospital, Weingold expressed regret at the need to fire workers who "helped build the rep-



Virginia Donchez/staff photographer
300 positions were eliminated in the latest round of cuts at the GW Hospital.

utation (of the hospital) as an institution of quality clinical treatment."

He added, however, that GW "cannot stand still and hope to weather the storm. We need to strengthen our resources and make ourselves more efficient in order to survive."

Weingold said the hospital has
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Washington's troubled waters

District residents awash in health-risk worries via tap water

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

To drink or not to drink? That has been the question for thousands of confused District residents for two weeks as federal and local health officials have publicly contradicted each other about the safety of D.C.'s water supply.

City officials said on July 2 that the District's tap water contained levels of coliform bacteria that exceeds federal standards. Coliform bacteria develops from the decay of fecal material.

"The term 'coliform' is generic for any of many different bacterial species which pass through the intestinal tract," explained Dr. Gerald Stokes, a professor in the GW Medical Center's department of microbiology and immunology.

"Bugs like E. coli, Klebsiella and Salmonella are coliforms. Some produce powerful toxins which can cause illnesses ranging from mild fevers and rashes to death. The test used to determine whether coliforms are in the water are simply designed to check for the easiest to find.

"If any are found in sufficient numbers, then this indicates a general failure of the purification system, thus permitting the intrusion of any water-borne pathogen, like Cholera," Stokes said.

An official warning to boil the water before drink-

ing applied to anyone over 65 or those with weakened immune systems, including AIDS patients, organ transplant recipients and people undergoing chemotherapy.

The threat of bacteria forced the GW Hospital to temporarily tap into its 250-gallon bottled water reserve, according to GW Medical Center Media Relations Manager Richard James.

James said the oncology ward was one of the departments that requested the bottled water. In addition, the department of emergency medicine offered patients Gatorade or orange juice instead of tap water.

Two days after the warning, D.C. Public Health Commissioner Harvey Sloane publicly retracted it. Mayor Marion Barry (D) drank a glass of District tap water at a news conference Tuesday to demonstrate its safety.

But the next day, the Environmental Protection Agency said the latest violation of federal contamination standards reflects "a continued pattern of deterioration, neglect and uneven operation" of the District's drinking water system.

The D.C. government attempted to help solve the problem by adding 60 percent more chlorine than usual at the city's two water treatment plants. The problem, however, appears to be in the pipes that take

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GW's revenue jumped \$74 million last year

University's investments paid off in '94

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW saw a \$74 million increase in total revenue from the 1993 fiscal year to the 1994 fiscal year, according to income tax forms filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

University officials attribute the increase in part to security gains and endowment transactions, but mostly to better student recruitment and retention at the school and improved patient care at the Medical Center.

"In general, the University's sources of income improved, and not just from the core sources of revenue of student tuition and fees," Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz said. He added that with the large, well-recruited freshman class coming in, he expects revenues to increase even more next year.

As revenues increased from \$664.9 million in 1993 to \$739.1 million in 1994, the University's expenses increased by only \$33.1 million. GW spent \$611.7 million in 1993 and \$644.8 million in 1994, according to IRS Form 990, which tax exempt organizations such as universities must file yearly.

The amount of contributions, gifts and grants the University

took in decreased by \$4.6 million in the past year, from \$19.5 million to \$14.9 million. The loss is due to the \$4.6 million less GW received in direct public support, because the only other source of contributions, gifts and grants the school receives - government contributions in the form of grants - increased by \$33,000.

According to Director of Public Affairs Mike Freedman, the decrease in public support represents a normal fluctuation in contributions, where the University receives a large gift one year and the total amount received the following year looks small in comparison.

The fiscal year 1994 ended in June of 1995.

Dividends and interest from securities increased by \$1.7 million for the University, from \$10 million to \$11.6 million. This is due in part to an offshore investment in Bermuda that GW is a partner in with 14 other universities, including Columbia University and New York University.

GW owns 6.67 percent of voting stock in the corporation called Genesis Limited and earned \$1.2 million in fiscal year 1994.

Compared to the previous year, GW spent \$30 million more on edu-

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GW's Balanced Budget			
	FY94	FY93	FY92
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$644.1	\$611.7	\$642.0
Among these expenses, significant increases or decreases occurred in:			
Education & Research	\$311.4	\$281.7	\$249.3
Salaries & Wages	\$298.7	\$283.1	\$277.5
Legal Fees	\$4.1	\$3.1	\$2.0
Patient Care	\$219.9	\$220.1	\$287.6
TOTAL REVENUE	\$739.0	\$664.9	\$717.0
Among revenue, significant increases or decreases occurred in:			
Gifts, grants, & donations	\$14.9	\$19.5	\$27.6

All dollar amounts are in millions • Source: IRS Form 990

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The Skinny

Weep for Hoops and Bullets fans everywhere

Today is a sad day for hoops, both for the lovable Washington Bullets mascot and for professional basketball in general.

Juwan Howard, who was regarded as the savior of Bullets basketball, is going to the Miami Heat in a deal in which he might earn \$110 million over the next seven years.

In the time it takes to say "team loyalty," the Bullets have gone from a squad on the outside of the NBA elite looking in, to a team so far away from being good that they can't see the golden glow emanating from the top NBA franchises.

And who is to blame? Could it be David Falk, Howard's agent who supposedly had a vendetta against the Bullets for treating Howard so poorly as a rookie two years ago?

Falk's job is to get his client the best deal possible. And he did. What can one expect out of an agent, anyway? Loyalty? Dream on.

Then the blame must fall on Howard himself, right? After all, he could have accepted the Bullets final offer of \$90 million over seven years. Instead, he was greedy and went to a team that would pay him more.

But Howard is not to blame, either. Let me put it this way. Let's say that you, a regular Joe Blow, have to choose between two jobs, both calling for exactly the same kind of work. They both offer the same pay, but one has a full benefits plan, plus nicer weather. Which one would you take? You would take the full package. No doubt about it.

And the Bullets fans are definitely not to blame. They have supported Howard and all of his endeavors. They bought tickets, mainly to see him and only him play. They cheered Howard on when the rest of the team stunk. They even contributed to his charitable causes.

So without further ado, the blame for losing Juwan Howard to the Heat goes to (drum roll) ... Abe Polin. Don Pardo, tell him what he's won!

First, Abe, you get a team back where it was in 1994, when the Bullets were meandering among the cellar dwellers. Second, you get an unhappy Chris Webber, who has lost one of his best friends on the team. And finally, for not forking over the dough to keep Howard a Bullet, you get, yes, that's right, a drop in season ticket sales! Congratulations!

I always knew that Polin was a scumbag. He showed me that when he dressed the changing of the Bullets name in "Stop the Violence" culottes. Apparently Polin is a skinflint, too (I should have known that anyway. He hasn't bought a top scorer for the Capitals in years).

He could have met the offer set forth by the Heat. If Howard was the one player who could have made the Bullets a championship team, as was the general consensus, then what's \$110 million? If I had that kind of money to throw around, and Polin does, I would use it to buy a title.

The losers in this whole fiasco are the Bullets fans, who support the team even when they stink, as well as pro basketball in general. Money has truly taken over the game.

And poor Hoops, that jovial jester who showed his true colors in front of David Falk's office for so long, encouraging people to honk if they loved Howard. Hoops will be gone soon, replaced by a wizard-like mascot. Yet still he persevered.

Now that's loyalty.

-Matt Bonesteel

Jarvis II leaves GW to take assistant job at Drexel U.

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

GW assistant basketball coach Mike Jarvis II was recently named assistant coach at Drexel University. He has been a restricted earnings assistant at GW, where he served under his father, head coach Mike Jarvis, since the 1992 season.

Before joining the Colonials, Jarvis II had a successful career as a player at Boston University, where he was coached by his father for two of his four years at the school. A two-year starter, Jarvis II led the Terriers in free throw percentage his junior year and was the second-leading assist man in his junior and senior years. He helped the Terriers advance to the NCAA Tournament in the 1989-90 season.

Jarvis II graduated from BU in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in communications. According to the Philadelphia Daily News, he plans to complete his master's degree



Photo courtesy GW Sports Information
Mike Jarvis II

studies at Drexel.

At Drexel, Jarvis II will serve under head coach Bill Herrion, who was an assistant at GW for the 1990-91 season. Ten years ago, the senior Jarvis gave Herrion his first assistant's job at Boston University.

"If not for the opportunity Mike gave me, I might not be here," Herrion told the Philadelphia Daily News. "I've known Mike (II) since

he was in high school. I tried to give him a couple of years ago, but timing wasn't right."

Jarvis II has been involved in coaching year-round since graduating from college. Apart from his duties at GW, he has worked at the Five Star Camp, which attracts top high school basketball talent from the country, since 1989. He has coached at numerous clinics in Massachusetts and in Washington, D.C., area.

"Obviously, he's learned a lot from one of the best. He's got good tools. He's very personable, and he knows the game. He has recruiting experience. This is a great chance for him to develop his career," Herrion told the Philadelphia Daily News.

Drexel finished 27-4 last season and was champion of the Atlantic conference. After winning Memphis in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the Dragons lost to national runner-up Syracuse in the second round.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Annie to play for West Virginia

Christin Annie, a member of the GW women's basketball team as a freshman last year, has committed to transfer to West Virginia University. The 5-10 guard averaged 1.3 points in 15 games for the Colonial Women.

Annie, along with guards Amy Atcher and Desrene Lincoln, left GW in May. Neither Atcher nor

Lincoln has declared an intention to play at another school.

GW alumnus to row in Olympics

Michelle Knox Zalom, GW class of 1986, will represent the United States in the double sculls rowing competition at the Olympics Games in Atlanta, which begin July 19.

Zalom, who resides in

Edgewater, Md., earned seven letters in crew and volleyball at GW from 1982-86. She was a conference selection in volleyball during the 1984-85 season.

Zalom is one of the new members of the GW Athletic Hall of Fame. She was inducted in a ceremony Feb. 2.

-Matt Bonesteel

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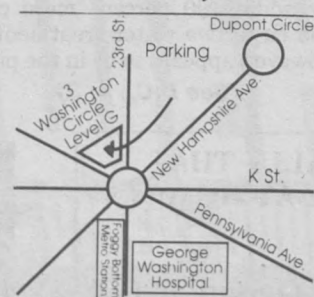
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New VP to be chosen before fall semester

Interim VP Salamon to fill other capacity

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

The University is moving closer to a final decision on the appointment of a permanent vice president of academic affairs, Vice President Administrative and Information Services Walter Bortz said last week.

Interim Vice President Linda Salamon, who has filled the post since Roderick French resigned last year, was not offered the position on a permanent basis. She said she will stay on at the university, however, despite persistent rumors that she would leave GW if she did not get the job. "Rumors of my resignation are nonsense," Salamon said. "I will be staying at the University" in some capacity, she said.

Bortz said he expects GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg to make a final decision by the end of July or early August. The new vice president should be in place by the beginning of classes on August 26.

Bortz's office provided administrative and technical support for the search committee. The committee received more than 130 applications for the position from across the country. Ultimately, the final decision rests with Trachtenberg, and the committee served only an advisory role.

GW law professor Robert Park, who headed the committee, said

his group served as a "conduit" for Trachtenberg, but stressed Trachtenberg's insistence on an open search process with input from several groups on campus, including students, deans and members of the Faculty Senate.

Although a final decision has not yet been made, GW Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies Donald R. Lehman is said to have been offered the position. An offer had been made to Dr. Joseph Cooper of Johns Hopkins University, but was withdrawn.

Park declined to comment as to why Salamon, who served in the position for the last academic year, was not offered the job. He did, however, praise her as "having done a good job as interim vice president, a very capable scholar in her own right and a very strong administrator."

The search committee and Trachtenberg had several things they were looking for in candidates for the position, Park said, including someone with a "vision for the University," an academic with a record of "distinguished scholarship" and a capability of running the University in Trachtenberg's absence.

The vice president for academic affairs post is the second highest at the University, reporting directly to Trachtenberg.

Trachtenberg and Lehman could not be reached for comment.

D.C. needs at least \$200 million to fix water supply

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the water from the plants to the 126,000 residential, business and government customers in the city.

Fifteen percent of the pipes in the District were installed before the turn of the century, and many others are almost as old. The corroding effect is compounded by the fact that D.C. has not recently flushed out the pipes by opening fire hydrants. The District's suburbs, with newer pipes and scheduled cleaning, have not suffered the same effects.

"Many individuals may have been exposed to potential illnesses, and not adequately informed, so that they could take protective measures," Stokes said.

He cited "records indicating a series of violations in 1995 and several this year. This pattern of failures, though currently not associated with any major public health outbreaks, is intolerable for any major American city, especially the nation's capital."

A standard water filter should be enough to purify the water. The city's commissioner for health care finance has asked federal officials whether the purchase of water filters could be covered by Medicaid. The water is safe for washing dishes and taking showers.

An early estimate of the cost to repair D.C.'s water system ranges from \$200 to \$400 million, according to The Washington Post.

More Medical Center downsizing possible

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reorganized to continue to provide service to the community, but more changes may still be in store in the next few years as the University continues to evaluate the hospital's needs.

GW established a transition center for terminated employees who needed help finding new jobs. The center assisted with preparing applications, writing résumés and interview skills.

The jobs eliminated affect every

area of the hospital, from secretarial staff to lab technicians to members of the vice president's office. "There were some senior people who lost their positions," James said, although he declined to elaborate on specifically who was affected.

The layoffs follow a second round of budget cuts that took place within the GW Medical Center in March. As much as \$25 million has been eliminated from the \$200 million budget during the past two years.



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Juwan Coward

It's the most horrifying scene imaginable. A slimy alien force takes a Washington landmark, one that every resident considers to be a part of his or her daily life, and wipes it away like it never existed in a motive of greed and conquest.

OK, so it's not quite as devastating as *Independence Day*, but Juwan Howard's signing with the Miami Heat for a reported \$110 million over seven years has driven hordes of Bullets fans to bang their heads against brick walls in frustration and rage.

What's perhaps most depressing about the Bullets' savior skipping town for an extra couple million is that Washington had apparently done almost everything it could to get him to stay. There was as much closeness between the community, organization and player as any in basketball. Howard was to Washington what Michael Jordan was to Chicago.

Howard was a local hero, devoted to improving the community. Immensely popular with his teammates and fans, he was an enthusiastic, rising star with his heart in the right place. He established the Juwan Howard Foundation to help underprivileged children in Washington, Baltimore, Detroit and Chicago.

That relationship with the community seems rather hollow now. The Bullets, the team that Howard has played the last two years with, offered him \$90 million over seven years. While it is still \$20 million less than the Heat's offer, it's hardly chump change. Howard has also apparently abandoned his best friend, Chris Webber.

It's just another sign of how free agency has turned many professional athletes into mercenaries and hired guns. The desire for profit is natural, and Howard is entitled to get the best price for his talents. But is it worth sacrificing friendship, community and an emerging NBA power for an even bigger pile of uncountable millions?

Is \$20 million worth a city full of broken hearts and broken promises? More importantly, what is \$20 million when you've already earned more in two seasons than many Americans will in their lives? But for some inexplicable reason, Howard took the money and ran.

There's a void left in the team, the organization and the town. Fan frustration is at an all-time high. The only one who benefited here was Howard. We hope he's happy.

For better or for worse

Chalk it up to election year politics. Last week the House overwhelmingly passed the Defense of Marriage Act. The Senate is expected to pass it as well, and President Clinton has pledged to sign it, claiming that he has always stood against gay marriage.

The Defense of Marriage Act is a reaction to an expected decision by the Hawaii Supreme Court that is expected to legalize the marriages of homosexuals for the first time in American history. The DMA dictates that states are not required to recognize those marriages, and defines marriages as a union between a woman and a man.

Whatever one's perspective of the morality of such actions, it doesn't seem Constitutional to extend rights to certain Americans and not to others based on sexual preference. The current standing on gay marriage makes them second class citizens. Furthermore, it interferes with their ability to receive legal access to insurance, wills and other benefits extended to heterosexual spouses.

For better or for worse, many homosexuals already get married. The city of San Francisco has already organized many public, if non-recognized ceremonies. Homosexual couples agree to love, honor and commitment. The only piece of the puzzle missing is legal recognition.

The Defense of Marriage Act may be popular. It may appease a vocal segment of the voting population, demanding a return to traditional moral values. But it just isn't Constitutional.

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OPINION

Living back home isn't all bad just think of D.C.'s problems

Home is indeed boring when you are a college student. I could not agree with Donna Brutkoski more (The GW Hatchet, "Count your blessings: rats, heat and boring jobs beat going home," June 24, p. 4).

I recall feeling just as she does when between my freshman and sophomore years at the University of Vermont I was home in Woodstock, Vt., scooping ice-cream for rude tourists while working for a boss from hell. I often wished I was back in Burlington, which, as Donna points out, is "a reasonably cool place."

I differ with Donna about the way she seems to argue that Vermont has little to offer in comparison to the District. Without question, the Beltway area is an exciting place to be. As a political junky and history buff, it is thrilling for me to walk by The White House on my way to GW and see Wolf Blitzer or some other correspondent reporting on the latest story. The Smithsonian museums are top-rate, and there are always plenty of concerts, fairs and social events going on. This having been said, as a "Vermont Ambassador" — which unfortunately offers no diplomatic immunity — I must point out all that Vermont has to offer, especially in the summer.

First of all, if your air-conditioning breaks down in the Green Mountain state, chances are you

won't suffer. Many homes in Vermont do not even have air-conditioners. Hot humid days that are standard for the District are the exception in northern New England. Vermont also offers a wide variety of outdoor activities to engage in. There is, for example, hiking and camping on the Long Trail, boating and fishing in hundreds of clean lakes and rivers, the best of all being Lake Champlain.

David Michlovitz

In addition, the evening sky of Vermont remains undisturbed by city lights. I recall just a few years ago lying out in my parents' backyard to watch a beautiful meteor shower.

In Vermont, no news station has to do a rush-hour report on the latest deaths and delays on the Beltway or other crowded roads. (Furthermore, when it is winter in Vermont, there is not a state of panic like the D.C. area when it snows. Vermont has so many plows and drivers that know what they're doing, the roads are often cleared before the storm is even over!)

In the rare instance when gunfire is heard in Vermont, one can be almost certain that it is not a human that is being shot at. In most parts of Vermont, folks do not even lock their doors. When my

parents bought their home in Woodstock they asked the Realtor where the key was. The answer given was that there wasn't one. I never wanted to be home more than during my first night in the building in Washington. August, when I heard the wrenching sirens of eight police cars race up Rhode Island Avenue. (Eight police cars would be a considerable percentage of the Vermont state police force.)

Heck, in the D.C. area you don't need your television to tell you "Cops," only a window! If this is your idea of not being bored, I would prefer hearing the sirens in Woodstock Village where underworked police are chasing some poor S.O.B. doing 27 miles an hour in the 25-mile zone. (On these days the Woodstock police should come to this area to talk about what being a real policeman is all about.) Incidentally, Vermont declared the safest state in the country June 27.

Being home with one's folks and the resulting loss of freedom may be harsh after the freedom of college life, but Vermont is one place that one can and should believe in romantic visions of, even if the job stinks and you're sometimes bored.

—David Michlovitz is a graduate student in the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Graphu-snafu

It was with much surprise that I read the graph for the freshman class size in the June 24th issue of The GW Hatchet. I was further dismayed to note that your source was the Office of Enrollment Management. As the main keeper of enrollment figures for the office, and as my colleagues and I did not provide you with the class size, I am very curious about your source.

Most of the enrollment figures you provide are inaccurate. Only the numbers for 1988 through 1990, and 1992 (four of the nine years) represent the correct number of registered freshmen. Assuming you are counting registered freshmen, the numbers you provide for 1991 and 1995 are off by 20 and 51 freshmen, respectively, showing a larger class than actually enrolled. The figures for 1993 and 1994 are too low and seriously skew the presentation of the data. In 1993, 1,531 (not 1,515) freshmen registered. And in 1994, the number of registered freshmen increased to 1,570, instead of decreasing to 1,500, as your chart indicates.

Further, the enrollment figure you provide for 1996 not only is inaccurate, but it is misleading. At this

time, we do not know how many freshmen will enroll for the fall semester. Of the 1,800 students who indicated they planned to enroll in the fall, 62 have subsequently informed us they changed their minds. The number you provided, 1,743, is the number of freshmen who on May 23rd indicated they were planning to enroll at GW. Past experience shows that about 91 percent of the deposited students do not ultimately matriculate. Thus, we estimate that the actual number of registered freshmen will be between 1,600 and 1,635, which is only 30 to 65 students more than the number who entered in 1994.

In 1994, The GW Hatchet and many other papers expressed concern about the large entering class. Many predicted a higher attrition rate than what actually occurred. Instead, 91 percent of that class returned, producing GW's highest freshman to sophomore retention rate. With the knowledge of a large class, plans have been underway to accommodate them.

In the future, please check your numbers before they are printed. When you produce a graph, make sure the numbers in each bar represent the same population.

—Cheryl Beil is director of enrollment research and retention in the Office of Enrollment Management.

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Multiple Michael Keatons make marvelous movie

BY JARED SHER
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GW Hospital's doctors may have been the first in the nation to clone a human embryo, but they can't touch the Gemini Institute.

Seriously, what good is cloning an embryo when you can get a full-sized, grown-up human being instead. Just ask Michael Keaton, whose hilarious antics fill the screen throughout *Multiplicity* of Columbia Tri-Star Pictures).

Keaton is Doug Kinney, an over-extended construction worker who barely has enough time to do this job, to say nothing of finding time for himself or his family.

In steps Dr. Owen Leeds of the Gemini Institute, who shares with Kinney his experiment in human cloning. The simple, painless process copies an individual's DNA, and coupled with a computer scan of the body, produces an exact replica, complete with even the memory of the original. The process works so well for Kinney that the real person and the clone argue about who is the original until the doctor points out a tattoo of the number "2" behind the clone's ear.

From there, the movie takes off on a rollercoaster of laughs, most of them engineered by Keaton's incredible ability to play four distinct characters who essentially are all the same person. As the movie progresses, the different Dougs clone again. And though the body and mind are essentially the same from one version to the next, the personalities of each diverge as they encounter different experiences in the world.

The clones quickly come to be known only by their numbers. While No. 2 is a gruff, macho version of the original, No. 3 is Kinney in touch with his feminine side.

Sound confusing? Just ask his



Clever camera tricks allow the four characters Michael Keaton plays in *Multiplicity* to appear on screen at once.

wife Laura (Andie MacDowell), who knows nothing of her husband's experiment. Laura struggles throughout the movie to comprehend why who she thinks is her husband is displaying a multitude of personalities.

But as if three Dougs aren't enough to get everything done in a day, the clones begin to feel overburdened as well. So they create a clone of their own. Not surprisingly, a copy of a copy never quite matches the quality of the original. The result here is tremendously funny performance by Keaton as a character the three other Dougs dub "Rain Man" for his less than stellar intellect. In fact, though, No. 4 steals the movie with his childish antics and bumbling confusion.

If Keaton deserves an award for his ability to play so many characters at once, the film's special effects team from Richard Edlund's Boss Studios deserves one even more. The editors spliced the film together

seamlessly to allow the audience to watch Keaton's different characters on screen together. The gimmick has been tried before, but in *Multiplicity*, not only do the characters look like they belong on screen together, they act like it as well.

In filming the scenes containing more than one Doug, a stand-in actor used a hand-held video camera to record Keaton's dialogue. Then, when Keaton switched roles, he would watch himself on a television monitor placed where the other character would be standing. This way, he could time his dialogue and facial expressions perfectly, giving the appearance that all four Dougs are actually talking to one another.

Ultimately, the movie combines Keaton's excellent character acting with a witty dialogue and a good dose of physical humor to make an implausible premise funny enough to enjoy. Just don't get the doctors at the GW Medical Center too excited.

All Set to rock, the Buzzcocks dish on '70s bands reuniting

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY
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Waiting to interview Pete Shelley and Steve Diggle, the two founding members of legendary punk band the Buzzcocks, before the band's show at the 9:30 Club June 30, I wasn't sure what to expect.

When the band's manager escorted me to the upstairs bar, all I saw were two ordinary, almost (dare I say) geeky men. I couldn't believe that these two were the people who wrote such eccentric songs as "Orgasm Addict" and "Why Can't I Touch It?"

Sure enough, it was them, and they were more than willing to talk about the band's new album, *All Set* (IRS). "Recording only took about five weeks, which is not really long for a full length LP," said Shelley, who is going bald and sports a crew cut.

Shelley said the question of why the Buzzcocks decided to get back together after nearly a decade-long hiatus to record the album is not nearly as important as the question of why people still want to see the band. "And I'm not sure, but I know that we're serious

about what we do. That's why we do it."

"It wasn't odd at all," Shelley said in his thick northern British accent, about getting back together. "It was a bit like riding a bicycle."

Diggle mused about why his and other bands, such as the Sex Pistols, are reforming now. "The 1970s was a dead period," he said. "You couldn't relate to songs back then, and the ground was right for punk to happen. There was a chemistry. I suppose for some, the 1990s are a bit the same way."

Looking around the new club, Diggle and Shelley reminisced about the old 9:30 Club, which they played in the '70s and '80s. "Those rats in the dressing room were HUGE!" Shelley laughed.

They said despite the occasional rat, they prefer playing clubs to festivals, though. "There's no eye contact at festivals," Diggle complained. "In clubs you have much more intimacy and interaction."

They said their shows have brought in fans old and new to the Buzzcocks scene. "Sometimes you get people in the audience who know maybe two songs that they heard at their friends' place, but other times the audience is quite receptive," Diggle said.

USAir gig shows Pumpkins' sad transformation

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY
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In August of 1993, the Smashing Pumpkins played their home town of Chicago at a club called the Metro. The band had just released *Siamese Dream* (Virgin) a week earlier and the place was packed.

The performance was scorching, by far one of the best in recent memory. Watching the band jam on stage was a downright religious experience for so many people, one that will always be burned into their memories.

The band is again on tour now in support of its latest release, *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* (Virgin). Unfortunately, the tour was marred by tragedy July 11 when tour keyboard player Jonathan Melvoin died of a heroin overdose in his Manhattan hotel room. Drummer Jimmy Chamberlin was in the room with him and was arrested for possession of heroin.

This is another tragic incident of rock stars falling into the trap of using drugs. The list of casualties in rock from heroin is enormous: Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Shannon Hoon of Blind Melon and Kurt Cobain have all struggled with and lost to their addictions.

Fans and music critics should be angry at Smashing Pumpkins. The outrage stems not because of a poor gig at the USAir Arena July 10, but because the band has allowed itself to decline to a point where its music and ability to perform have been affected.

The July 10 performance wasn't a major disappointment because the band has "sold out." The fans weren't the cause of the poor performance because the crowd was refreshingly enthusiastic about the music.

The show was bad because the Pumpkins' ability to perform was impaired, and it makes sense now that it could have been due to drugs.

From the opening chords of "Tonight Tonight" to the last encore, the performance was a confused mess of distortion. The band was often playing out of tune, especially during songs such as "Today."

It is possible the band was having an off night, but in previous performances, they had always been quite consistent.

Moreover, the show demonstrated that the band has not learned how to project itself in a huge stadium. The Pumpkins' chemistry was intense inside a club like the Metro, but it was lost in the vastness of the USAir Arena. Singer Billy Corgan, with a shaved head and silver pants, hardly spoke to the audience during the show except to briefly say "thank you."

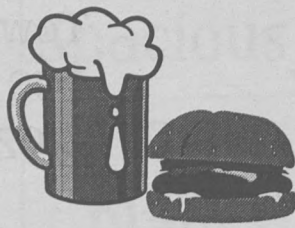
The songs the band performed were mostly from *Mellon Collie*, but the group neglected to play any of the slower songs such as "We Only Come Out at Night" or "In the Arms of Sleep." It is songs like these that make *Mellon Collie* a worthwhile album. The final song of the evening sounded like a horribly twisted version of "Silverfuck," but one could hardly tell through Corgan's piercing screams and the wall of distortion and percussion.

The Smashing Pumpkins once had the ability to create a sound to send an audience reeling, and the music was revolutionary at a time when grunge was the hip thing to listen to. Hopefully, whatever problems they are having are solvable and that next time the band appears in the newspaper, it is not because another one of them succumbed to the addiction of drugs.

The Smashing Pumpkins are too good for that, and they have too much to offer as a band. It is a shame they are in a slump, and it is one with heavy consequences.



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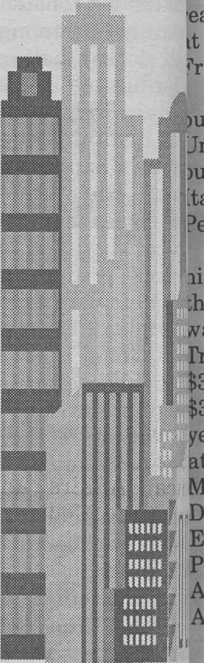
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Investments, salaries rise in fiscal year '94

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ation and research and \$10 million more on legal fees in fiscal year 1994.

According to Form 990, the University spent \$201,966 less on patient care for the year. GW hospital admitted 273 fewer adults and newborns this year than last, and the admitted patients spent 104 less days in the hospital.

Freedman said these changes are not a part of the University's attempt to cut costs at the hospital. The number of patient admissions has been on the decline for several years, which is a large part of the reason changes are now necessary at many hospitals, not just GW," Freedman said.

In terms of investments in land, buildings and equipment, the University spent \$1.5 million to buy the building that houses Milo's Italian Eatery restaurant at 2142 Pennsylvania Ave.

According to the documents, the highest paid officer or director at the University for the fiscal year was President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg with a salary of \$320,090. Trachtenberg received a \$31,000 salary increase in fiscal year 1994. He is followed by Katz at \$223,164; Vice President for Medical Affairs and Executive Dean of the Medical Center Roger E. Meyer with \$222,491; Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert A. Chernak at \$193,462; and Vice

President for Academic Affairs Roderick French \$180,933. Meyer left the University two years ago and French resigned in 1995.

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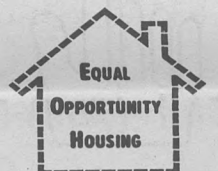
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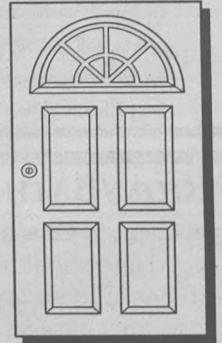
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